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SUBJ: CALL FOR TENDER UPDATE

REF: STATE'S A-1168 FEB 11, 1974

- 1. GUAYAQUIL 381 AND 613 RE EXPANSION OF GUAYAQUIL'S MARITIME PORT.
- 2. AS ANTICIPATED, LOCAL PRESS ANNOUNCED ARRIVAL OVER WEEKEND OF MAY 10-11 OF THREE-MAN DELEGATION FROM WORLD BANK FOR PURPOSE OF MAKING FINAL EVALUATION OF PLANS FOR EXPANSION OF PORT OF GUAYAQUIL AND RECOMMENDATIONS RE BANKE APPROVAL OF LOAN TO COVER COSTS. GROUP HEADED BY ECONOMIST HOWARD JONES AND INCLUDES ECONOMIST JUAN AGUIRRE AND ENGINEER RICHARD SCHEINER. THREE WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED BY ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL FROM INTERNATIONAL CREDPET AND TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE BANK NEXT WEEK. ENTIRE GROUP IS EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE IT WORK WITHIN TWO WEEKS.
- 3. EXPANSION PROJECT UNDER CONSIDERATION INCLUDES THREE BERTHS
 OF 185 METERS EACH FOR CONTAINER HANDLING AND BANANAS AND ASSOCIATED
 FACILITIES. IN ADDITION, TWO BERTHS ARE PLANNED FOR HANDLING
 BULK AND LIQUID CARGOS. FINALLY, AUXILIARY FACILITIES SUCH AS
 WORKERS' DINING ROOMS, SMALL SERVICE PIERS, PARKING AREAS, AND
 A LARGE MAINTENANCE CENTER ARE PART OF PLAN. PRESS REPORTS
 EXPANSION COSTS WILL BE ABOUT 1,250 MILLION SUCRIS (DOLS 50 MILLION),
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MAKING IT ONE OF THE LARGEST CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN ECUADOR

IN RECENT DECADES. PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT 26 RPT 26 FIRMS OF U.S. BRITISH, SWEDISH, SPANISH, GERMAN, JAPANESE, DUTCH, ITA-LIAN, ARGENTINE, AND MEXICAN ORIGINS, SOME ALREADY ASSOCIATED WITH ECUADOREAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES, HAVE RESPONDED TO PORT AUTHORITY'S INVITATION TO SUBMIT EVIDENCE OF QUALIFYING FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (GUAYAQUIL 381). AFTER FINAL LIST OF QUALIFYING FIRMS HAS BEEN DETERMINED, TENDER ASKING FOR BIDS ON ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO BE PUBLISHED BY JULY 25, 1975.

- 4. AS COMPETITION FOR CONTRACTS LIKELY TO BE INTENSE, RECOMMEND QUALIFYING U.S. FIRMS VIGOROUSLY PURSUE PROJECT, INCLUDING PERSONAL VISITS TO GUAYAQUIL IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATION OF BIDS BEFORE FINAL DECISIONS MADE.
- 5. WILLIAM F. SCHRAGE. DEWITT

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